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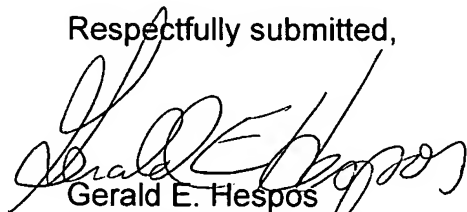
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement includes a copy of Form PTO-1449 that identifies four U.S. patents. The relevancy of U.S. Patent No. 5,439,397 is considered in paragraphs 0002-0004 of the subject application. The relevancy of U.S. Patent No. 5,203,722 is considered in paragraphs 0005-0007 of the subject application. The other two references are family members of U.S. Patent No. 5,183,418 and relate generally to the same technology.

The Examiner is requested to consider these references during the examination and to make the references of record.

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		5,183,418	2-1993	Yamanashi et al.			
		5,203,722	4-1993	Kinoshita			
		5,439,397	8-1995	Yamanashi et al.			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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